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**Subject:** RE: CNN Breaking News

We are. Carolyn is tracking and Raquel is providing updates to T&I. I am responding to EPW and we are thinking of proactively reaching out to Manchin and Rockefeller's office.

Here is the update from Shawn in R3

Here is the latest as of 9:50.

Overview of incident and Status of Response - Fran Burns/Dave Wright  
Update: OSC Matlock and OPR Coordination Activities –  
Update: Water Treatment Plant Status - Patty Wisniewski  
Media/Congressional Interest  
Action Items

**BACKGROUND:** Yesterday, there was a chemical spill from Freedom Industries, which is an old Pennzoil Refinery. The spilled chemical was 4-methylcyclohexane methanol, which is used in coal preparation and processing. Spill into the ELK River occurred sometime earlier in the day and there was an early report of an odor. The Gov of WV declared a state of emergency for at least five counties. The Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant detected the chemical even after the increased carbon treatment effort.

WV issued an order to not drink cook or bathe in the water, which affects approximately 100,000 people. WV is conducting additional water sampling. The Civil Support Team is also deployed to the WVEOC to assist in supplying water to residents. The WV EOC is operational but have not requested EPA assistance. OSC Dennis Matlock has contacted WV DEP Mike Dorsey and offered EPA assistance.

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES:** EPA OSCs Matlock and Linden are enroute to Charleston with START contractor to assist in any sampling activities if requested. They have been in contact with FEMA and will meet up with the IMAT (incident management assistance team) upon his arrival. In anticipation that we will need to staff the ESF-10 desk at the FEMA Region 3 Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC), the RRC has sent a request for availability to the RSC membership for volunteers to serve as Watchstander at the FEMA offices here in Philadelphia. Until 7:00 pm this evening, Fred MacMillan from HSCD is scheduled to staff the ESF-10 desk.

As always, we will follow the RICT protocols for deployment of any RSC staff which includes: 1) reminding the RSC members to discuss with their supervisor their interest prior to volunteering; 2) obtaining Deputy Director approval/clearance prior to deployment; and, 3) checking with ORC on whether the employee to be deployed is needed for any enforcement matters.

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Are we involved with this?

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A U.S. attorney has opened an investigation looking into the release of a potentially dangerous chemical into parts of West Virginia's water supply.

Nearly 200,000 residents in nine counties have been told not to drink the water and avoid cooking with it, brushing their teeth or even taking a shower.

The spill of 4-methylcyclohexane methanol was found coming from a 48,000-gallon tank at a chemical storage facility about a mile upriver from the West Virginia American Water plant. The chemical is used to wash coal before it goes to market.

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